

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members and Associated Depts., We live in this sad era where the quote "better to proceed and ask forgiveness than to ask permission" is considered wisdom. I am a home owner in the Tujunga area of Los Angeles where I can say without exaggeration that I see blatant disregard for our building and safety codes daily. Just this week a grand 1933 Spanish Style home at 7708 W. Summitrose St. is being demolished by a developer without any permit. It was reported and a Notice To Comply issued on the 17th and yet, demo continues? Why? They must be aware that the Inspectors are overburdened and that they will get away with it for a small slap. This really is the problem. Until there is an enforceable and considerable penalty for these violations the developers brush them off like a parking ticket. We have thoughtful codes and a permit system for a reason. Once the damage is done, there is no way to bring it back. I encourage you to come up with not only a substantial monetary penalty, but an enforceable penalty that would prevent the violators from building for a period of time. Until the threat of punishment matches the crime, this greed fueled disrespect with continue. Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of our city. Sincerely, -WM